



**Delaware Coalition for Injury Prevention**  
**November 1, 2018 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**EMS and Preparedness Section Conference Room, Smyrna, DE**

TOPICS	LEADER	DISCUSSION
<b>Introductions, Minutes</b>	M.S. Jones, J. Whaley	The Coalition meeting was called to order at 1:16 p.m. Introductions were made by attendees. There is a revision to the previous meeting minutes, Susan Fox (Falls Prevention Team) has retired as Matter of Balance state coordinator and Layokat "Kate" Rasulovala is taking her place. New contact information is <a href="mailto:layokat.rasulovala@state.de.us">layokat.rasulovala@state.de.us</a> . With this change, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>Jeremy R. Crenshaw, Ph.D.</b> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Kinesiology & Applied Physiology, University of Delaware	Dr. Crenshaw studies the biomechanics of falls in the University of Delaware Falls and Mobility Lab. In his presentation, "Why Do We Fall?" he discussed how falls affect and are affected by mobility, how to reduce falls, and how to teach people to recover from a slip or trip and minimize injuries. The most surprising result of Dr. Crenshaw's research is the number of falls that are occurring. This number is underestimated in most data collection efforts either due to under-reporting or because medical care is not sought.
<b>COALITION TEAMS</b>	<p><b>Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Team</b> T. Kaminski</p> <p><b>Fire/Burns Injury Prevention</b> J. Whaley</p> <p><b>Drowning/submersion Injury Prevention Team</b> J. Whaley, M.S. Jones</p> <p><b>Poison/Prescription Drug Injury Prevention Team</b> Dr Trella</p> <p><b>Dog Bite Prevention</b> MS Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concussion prevention programs are still active in Delaware. Every high school in the state has an athletic trainer who is trained on the standard of care for concussions and who works closely with the school nurses. Awareness of concussion protocols has greatly increased statewide. Concussion helmet technology has not been proven to be very reliable and is not being used much in Delaware.</li> <li>October was Fire Prevention Month. A public education Fire Prevention Day event was held in Rehoboth.</li> <li>Planning for next summer season has begun. Trauma System Registry data from 2008-2017 was recently provided to Dr. Thompson, an Emergency Medicine physician at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, so that she can participate in a national study being done by children's hospitals on drowning incidents. The Delaware data showed there were 71 pediatric near drowning/drowning incidents reported in the state during that timeframe, with 27 of those being deaths.</li> <li>The Poison Control Center is currently recruiting for a public relations and marketing/public education position and have interviewed some good candidates.</li> <li>Currently some pharmacy students are working on statewide projects in PA and also in DE on child/teen suicide attempts from overdose for the ages of 10-19 years. Results will be shared.</li> <li>The Poison Center is still getting calls on laundry pods, but they are on the decline.</li> <li>The Office of Animal Welfare has a newsletter which can be accessed on their website <a href="https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/oaw/oawhome.html">https://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/oaw/oawhome.html</a></li> <li>They have a Delaware Animal Response team that trains for preparedness related to animals, including large</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Individual and Family Violence Injury Prevention</b> C. Will M. LeNoir</p> <p><b>Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Prevention</b> K. Chesser</p> <p><b>Falls Prevention Team</b> K. Boyer</p> <p><b>Office of EMS</b> M.S. Jones</p> <p><b>Safe Kids Delaware</b> J. McCue L. Heinold</p>	<p>breed and farm animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October was Domestic Violence Month and a Governor's Proclamation was signed.</li> <li>Saint Francis Hospital and DSP just completed filming two short video segments on domestic violence. They focus on early signs of domestic violence issues and are intended to help raise awareness by teaching what to look for to identify a troubled relationship.</li> <li>Abuse by elders with cognitive illness who turn violent on their spouses is a new area of focus in domestic violence.</li> <li>Human trafficking, which is very similar to domestic violence, is another focus. In Delaware 80% of this trafficking is sexual in nature, with an average age for initial trafficking around age 13. It can be related to the drug epidemic. Awareness education is being provided for hospital staff and EMS personnel.</li> <li>October was Pedestrian Safety Month. The Office of Highway Safety and DSP Troop 6 did a press release focusing on pedestrian fatalities and crashes. OHS also partnered with Dart Street Teams to put educational messages on DART buses to raise awareness about pedestrian safety. Visibility was a focus – Walk Bright.</li> <li>Teen Driver Week and Child Passenger Safety Week were also in October and press releases and other public education activities were done.</li> <li>There have been 89 highway fatalities to date in 2018 compared to 97 at the same time in 2017.</li> <li>Falls Prevention Awareness Week was in September. A Governor's Proclamation was signed and an event was held at the Dover Modern Maturity Center.</li> <li>Please send calendar entries for the Coalition webpages. Another option will be to only include generic weeks focusing on general prevention topics.</li> <li>New Castle County Safe Kids is in the process of creating an injury prevention educational program for childcare workers. The program consists of PowerPoint presentations on topics chosen in injury prevention knowledge surveys done earlier this year. Childcare continuing education credits will be given for viewing the presentations. These PowerPoint presentations will also be presented at the Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, which is geared to childcare center administrators.</li> <li>The Worldwide Safe Kids conference will be held in Washington DC in July 2019. <a href="https://www.prevcon.org/">https://www.prevcon.org/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Adjourn</b>	2:45 PM	<p><b>Next meeting <u>Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM</u>, OPS/Planning Conference Room, at the Office of EMS, Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill, Smyrna, DE</b></p> <p>Please ask those you know who might be interested to consider attending a future Coalition meeting to learn about this program.</p>
<b>Attendees:</b> J. McCue, J. Lombardo, M. Lamborn, T. Kaminski, M. LeNoir, C. Will, J. Whaley, K. Boyer, K. Chesser <b>Phone:</b> Dr. Trella <b>Staff:</b> M.S. Jones, L. Heinold		